



Division of Student Transportation

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Parent and Guardians of Students Receiving School Bus Transportation

FROM: Gretchen Brumley, Director - Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE) Division of Student Transportation (DOT)

DATE: September 17, 2015

RE: School Bus Transportation Services During the Papal Visit

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Pope Francis is visiting the District of Columbia beginning Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> through Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. As a result of the Papal visit, there will be several road closures and road delays during this period. We are writing to inform you that we are anticipating delays in school bus transportation services on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Every effort will be made to minimize the impact on school bus transportation; as our primary goal is to provide safe, reliable, and efficient transportation to all eligible students. The OSSE-DOT will make necessary changes to bus routes that will be directly impacted due to road closures.

Due to the potential travel challenges during this time, we are unable to send return buses for students that miss their regular scheduled bus during the morning commute to school. Also, please ensure an authorized adult is present to receive your child during the afternoon drop-off (if required) from school. If there is no authorized adult available and we are unable to contact you, your child will be transported to Child and Family Services (CFS). CFS is located at 200 I Street SE, Washington, DC 20003 and their telephone number is (202) 671-7233.

***If you have any transportation related questions or concerns, please contact the Parent Resource Center (PRC) at (202) 576-5000.*** We also encourage you check OSSE's website at [www.osse.dc.gov](http://www.osse.dc.gov) for transportation-related news and to monitor the local news and radio. Please contact your local school regarding their operational status during the Papal Visit.

Listed below are additional resources for your reference:

- OSSE DOT Website (<http://osse.dc.gov/service/student-transportation>)
- OSSE Facebook ([www.facebook.com/ossedc](http://www.facebook.com/ossedc))
- OSSE Twitter ([@OSSEDC](https://twitter.com/OSSEDC))
- Papal Visit 2015 <http://pope.dc.gov/>

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience in transportation services. We appreciate your patience during this time.